

#### **Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests**

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# Fire Update

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## **Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests morning update**

<u>Kamiah, Idaho, August 28, 2015</u> – Numerous fires continue to burn across the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, many of which are being grouped together and managed as complexes. Fires have spread across an estimated 80,000 acres to date. Suppression action is being taken on priority fires as firefighting resources become available.

An area closure is **pending** related to the rapid spread of the Tepee Springs Fire. The draft closure area is south of Grangeville. Its southern border is the Salmon River from the Forest boundary east to French Creek. It extends north for approximately ten miles. The southern segment of the Grangeville-Salmon River Road 221 is closed.

The following is a summary of the major complexes and fires burning across the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests which are **not** assigned to incident management teams. Acreages are approximate as smoke and lack of infrared detection date has made mapping difficult.

#### North Zone (Palouse and North Fork Ranger Districts)

Name: Larkin Complex Location: Roughly 30 airline miles NE of Pierce

Started: August 17, 2015 Cause: Lightning

Total Acreage: 4990 acres Containment: 0% Contained Fires originally within the Complex (including Wolf Pack Fires): 14

Active Fires within the Complex: Snow Creek Fire 2300 acres, Wolf Pack Fire 980 acres, and

Heather Fire 1370 acres, Minnesaka 230, and Roaring 100.

Major Events: Heather Fire broke through the inversion and was very active late in the

afternoon.

Name: Scurvy Mountain Fire Location: 28 miles ENE of Pierce, Idaho

Started: August 21, 2015 Cause: Lightning

Total Acreage: 390 acres Containment: 0% contained Major Events: Fire continues its spread toward Scurvy Mountain Lookout.

### **Central Zone (Lochsa-Powell and Moose Creek Ranger Districts)**

Name: Lochsa South Complex

Location: South of Lochsa River from Warm Springs Creek to the Selway River

Started: August 15, 2015 Cause: Lightning

Total Acreage: 5535 acres Containment: 0% Contained

Fires originally within Lochsa South Complex: 12

Active Fires within the Complex: Sponge Fire 3000 acres, Grit Fire 400 acres, Lone Knob Fire 400 acres, Fire Creek 400 acres, Air Strip Fire 980 acres.

Major Events: Airstrip Fire was active. There are structure protection plans for the Fish

Lake Cabin.

Name: Wilderness Complex

Location: Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (much of the Moose Creek Ranger District)

Started: August 4, 2015 Cause: Lightning

Total Acreage: 14,900 acres

Fires originally within the Wilderness Complex: 8

Active Fires within the Complex: Roll Creek 7800 acres, Rock Point 250 acres, Meeker 2400 acres, Baily 1500 acres, Army Mule Fire 2100 acres, Wahoo 650 acres, Wahoo Fire 650

acres.

Major Events: Point protection continues for Wilderness cabins, pack bridges and lookouts.

Name: Boulder Fire Location: 5 miles west of Lolo Pass

Started: August 14, 2015 Cause: Lightning

Total Acreage: 4800 acres Containment: 0% contained

Major Events: Fire moved north and east, and has not crossed the Montana border. An

area west of Lolo Pass in the vicinity of Granite Pass is closed.

### South Zone (Salmon River and Red River Ranger Districts)

Name: Red River Complex

Location: South of Elk City, Idaho

Started: August 17, 2015 Cause: Lightning

Total Acreage: 6600 acres Containment: 1% Contained

Fires originally within Red River Complex: 6 fires

Active fires within the complex: Slaughter 100 acres, Lone Park 1200 acres, Crown 2500

acres, Rattlesnake 1350 acres, Noble Fire 250 acres, Little Green Fire 1200 acres.

Major Events: Structure protection is ongoing at Cook Ranch, Mallard Creek Ranch, Green

Mountain Lookout and Bargamin Creek Bridge.

Many roads and trails have been closed due to fire activity. These closures and fire information is posted at: <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/nezperceclearwater/home">http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/nezperceclearwater/home</a>. Click on the "Fire Information" icon at the top of the page.

Information for the Clearwater, Motorway, Selway, and Municipal Fire Complexes is available at <a href="http://inciweb.nwcg.gov">http://inciweb.nwcg.gov</a>.

Several incident management team transitions are occurring over the next few days. Information will be included in this evening's update.